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SUBJECT: ESF WORKING GROUP MEETING, MAY 2, 1973

1. THE ESF WORKING GROUP HELD A BRIEF MEETING ON MAY 2, 1973. MR. FILLINGHAM, THE MANAGER OF THE ESF, REPORTED THAT THE FUND BALANCE AT THE END OF APRIL WAS \$538,000 WITH APPROXIMATELY \$6,092,000 DUE TO THE BNC FOR THE FINANCING OF EDF REIMBURSABLE IMPORTS DURING MARCH (\$2,430,000) AND APRIL (\$3,662,000). HE STATED THAT THE GKR CONTRIBUTION OF \$7.0 MILLION WOULD BE RECEIVED WITHIN A WEEK BUT THAT THE RESOURCES OF THE ESF WOULD CONTINUE TO BE LOW AFTER REIMBURSING THE BNC AND HE QUERIED WHETHER OR NOT THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS COULD SPEED UP THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS. JAPAN, THAILAND, AND GREAT BRITAIN RESPONDED THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO CABLE THEIR RESPECTIVE HOME OFFICES. THE AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE STATED HE WOULD CABLE CANBERRA TO DETERMINE IF THEIR SECOND CONTRIBUTION OF \$250,000 HAD BEEN MADE AS SCHEDULED AT THE END OF APRIL. NEITHER NEW ZEALAND NOR MALAYSIA WERE REPRESENTED. (NEW ZEALAND HAS ALREADY CONTRIBUTED THE TOTAL AMOUNT IT PLEDGED.) THE U. S. REPRESENTATIVE STATED HE HAD REQUESTED THE RELEASE OF \$4.0 MILLION AND EXPECTED FAVORABLE WASHINGTON ACTION SOON.

2. THE MANAGER STATED THAT SGS REPORTS WOULD BE CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS OF THE ESF WORKING GROUP.

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